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25 July 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy to the DCI for Collection Tasking

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Central American Collection Summaries ☐

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1. Your excellent Collection Summaries are certainly a unique contribution and are responsive to a real need within the Community. ☐

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2. In the SCC meeting on Cuba on Friday I used the interim Summary which you had provided. I note that it is much longer and in more detail than the earlier Summaries. This is certainly helpful. At the same time, I would suggest that when a Summary is going to run to half a dozen pages, it might be useful to have a summation page on the front that does its best to boil the issue down into one matrix. ☐

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3. At the SCC we were specifically requested to come in with a list of what actions we might propose to improve our collection capabilities against ☐

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☐ I indicated I was not wildly enthusiastic. It occurs to me, however, that in answering such a question it would be useful to expand your matrix with a column that tersely describes collection augmentation, if any, that might best suit each objective. ☐

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4. There will be an SCC this week on ☐ We are requested to report to it what we could do to improve our collection capability in that region, ☐

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